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In the Abstract:

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The present invention relates to novel electrode active materials represented by the general formula $A_aM_b(XY_4)_cZ_d$, wherein:

- (a) A is one or more alkali metals, and $0 < a \leq 8$;
- (b) M is at least one metal capable of undergoing oxidation to a higher valence state, and $1 \leq b \leq 3$;
- (c) XY_4 is selected from the group consisting of $X'O_{4-x}Y'_x$, $X'O_{4-y}Y'_{2y}$, $X''S_4$, and a mixture thereof, where X' is P, As, Sb, Si, Ge, S, and mixtures thereof; X'' is P, As, Sb, Si, Ge, and mixtures thereof, Y' is halogen, $0 \leq x < 3$, $0 < y < 4$, and $0 < c \leq 3$; and
- (d) Z is OH, a halogen, or mixtures thereof, and $0 < d \leq 6$.